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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : COMIREX Report on High-Altitude Photographic
Coverage of Cuba, 15 May - 9 July 1967

REFERENCE: USIB-D-41.14/305
10 January 1967, Limited Distribution

1. Attached is the Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation (COMIREX) report on high-altitude photographic coverage of Cuba for the period 15 May - 9 July 1967, which is circulated for the information of the United States Intelligence Board (USIB).

2. It is not planned to schedule this report on the USIB agenda for discussion unless specifically requested by a Board member to do so prior to the close of business on Monday, 17 July 1967. In the absence of such a request, it will be considered for record purposes that USIB "noted" the subject report on that date.

Executive Secretary

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1. The results achieved in response to USIB requirements for GLASS LAMP coverage of Cuba (see reference) are reported for the 15 May - 9 July period as follows:

a. About 90 percent coverage of the territory of Cuba with interpretable photography every 56 days.

Seven missions were flown during the period as follows: 16, 25 May, 15 June, 1, 4, 7 and 9 July. Cumulative area coverage for the 56-day period amounted to 66 percent. A ten day standdown in early June, due to a vehicle crash; a standdown in late June during Premier Kosygin's Cuban visit; two incomplete missions (1 and 7 July) because of MIG reaction; and adverse weather throughout the entire reporting period, were contributing factors to the low percentage of area coverage.

b. Missions to be scheduled to permit periodic sampling in each of the target categories every two weeks, with reasonably complete coverage of all targets every 56 days.

The number of missions was sufficient to meet the periodic sampling requirements. The total number of targets, the two week sampling average, and the total targets covered during the period, without duplications, except for the 7 and 9 July missions which have not been reported completely, are shown below:

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Limited Distribution

Average Sampling
in each 2-week
period

Total Targets
Covered in 56-
days (no dups)

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Missiles
SAM Associated Installations
Cruise Missile-assoc. Install
Airfields
Port Facilities
Radar/Electronic Facilities
Military



2. In its readout, NPIC pays particular attention to any activity which might indicate an attempt to reintroduce or deploy offensive weapons systems. In this connection, scheduled coverage of the possible underground installation in Eastern Cuba on 7 and 9 July, did not occur due to an airborne mission abort and weather. The installation was last photographed on 15 June.

3. Conclusion: The USIB requirement for high-altitude reconnaissance of Cuba was not satisfied, (66% achieved about 90% specified) for the period 15 May - 9 July due to two standdowns, two missions aborting early, and adverse weather throughout the entire reporting period.

4. Recommendation: That the Board note this report.



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Chairman
Committee on Imagry Requirements
and Exploitation

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